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Dear Harold,

God only knows when this will reach you with the Postal strike on as it is. Enclosed are letters from Longbottom and my reply. Please return his letters (but keep the carbon of mine) when you are through with them. In fact, if you have things to do, don't even bother to read them. I am getting a bit angry at him. He wildly theorizes and treats his opinion as fact, and is really becoming a waste of time with his persistence. Many of his ideas are really wild, or blind to known facts. I don't object to his lack of knowledge, but I do to his brazenness. In one of his letters he dismissed the testimony or advice of experts I mentioned and accepted the commissions tests, as interpreted ### by himself. Now more than ever I want you to stay out of any correspondence with him. If he gets any worse I intend to cut it off because it is wasting quite a bit of time with really no possible gain for ourselves. These longletters take forever just to read.
Ironically, Mike Masterman, who started a bit that way has relented and realized how dumb it was to work in the mainstream of the case and expect to come up with something new. He, by the way, will send me his letters from all of the British agencies, etc., from whom he tried to get the court records. I will make copies for all of us, and several sets for you, and then we can decide whether you will have any need of the originals. If so I'm sure he would trade them for xeroxes. He is very good that way. I have warned him about Joesten's irresponsibility and he agrees and says he would like to stay in touch with him but realizes that anything he personally digs up should probably be cleared with us before Joesten even hears about it, let alone gets to look at it. Quite independently he has decided not to share things with Joesten--without any comment of mine. Basically, he seems amenable to reason and interested in working hard on the case. In his last letter he said that he had ordered the volumes and feels that he will not be competent until he has done some serious study in them. I would like to keep in touch and help educate him on the case because I think he is serious about becoming a long term researcher. His giving that Davison thing to Joesten was certainly not his fault since Paul said that he mentioned it to Mike without indicating there were any secrets involved. Independent of that incident he has indicated that anything of importance which was classified would be seen by he only. And remember that he immediately agreed to the confidentiality stipulation on the Ray thing. So basically, since he will not be getting anything confidential anyway, I think that he would be a good person to help out. Chris, who I liked at first, is beginning to look like more of a waste of time.
If the film"Z" comes to your area be sure to see it. Not only is it excellent but I think that there are far too many parallels to the JFK assassination to be ignored. While it applies to the Greek scene, I think that they deviated from the history of the event to bring in other parallels and make it an universal warning.

I hope that you are in good health and that Lil is OK also. I worry about you people, especially since you don't have one medical man you have full confidence in.

I am trying to find out about a good man in Dallas for Mary's son to see, just in case she takes my advice and decided to use one man who I can vouch for (through someone up here who I trust).

I will be working at the clinic next year and earning more money, which is good since I owe Cornell $1200.

Well, I've got to go. Take it easy.

Gary